

Attachment 2 Review eligibility criteria

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Element	Inclusion	Exclusion
Study design	In vitro primary studies.	Conference abstracts Qualitative studies Case reports or series Ecological studies Studies which do not describe a methodology (e.g. literature reviews) Systematic reviews
Language	English, German.	Any other language.

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